Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003, of the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India effective from 1st January 2004. It is therefore for the Ministry of Agriculture to take necessary remedial action in the matter.

Sale of 20 per cent shares of BHEL

†2845. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to sell 20 per cent shares of BHEL to the private sector; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether BHEL has earned profit during the last three years; if so, the total profit earned by BHEL during the said period;

(c) whether the economic capacity of BHEL would improve by selling its share capital to the private sector; and

(d) if so, the quantum thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) There is no proposal to sell 20 per cent shares of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) to the private sector. In May 2005, the Government decided on an 'offer for sale' of 10 per cent equity of BHEL out of Government's holding of 67.72 per cent through the 'book building process'. It was also decided that upto 15 per cent of the equity offered for sale will be reserved for the employees of BHEL. However, letters have been received from workers unions and others opposing disinvestment in BHEL. The objections are under consideration. No further decision has been taken in this matter.

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Status of the World Bank projects

†2846. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects being implemented with World Bank assistance in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the present status of these projects and the expected benefits that will accrue to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) Details of projects being implemented with World Bank assistance in the country, including the State of Uttar Pradesh, with their status of utilization of assistance are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below). The projects are in various sectors that cover a wide range of activities including upgrading and improving road systems, irrigation and drainage systems, better managed health system, building capacity for appropriate quality of primary education for all children, increasing agricultural productivity, poverty alleviation through livelihood sustenance projects, watershed development, etc. The work on these projects is currently under implementation in order to achieve the development objectives of the projects.

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